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1. The smelting plant named after Boleslaw Bierut in Czesochowa-Mirow is about 5 km. distant from the center of Czesochowa in an easterly direction. On the north the smelting plant is about 400-500 meters away from the Vistula River. On the west it is about 400 meters distant from a Jewish cemetery. The unoccupied land between the cemetery and the smelting plant belongs to the latter although it is not fenced in. On the south, the smelting plant borders immediately on some woods. Between the Vistula and the plant is a newly laid railroad track which runs approximately northwest to southeast. Opposite the smelting plant is the Mirow railroad station. This is the first stop on the way from Czesochowa.

2. The Bierut plant in Czesochowa, Mirow district, takes up an expanse about 3 km. in length and almost as much in width. Certain houses lying in the way of the expansion of this plant are scheduled to be moved if they have not already been moved.

3. [REDACTED] the layout of this plant:

a. Two cooling stacks under construction in the southeast section of the plant area. (In addition to these, two more cooling stacks were planned.)

b. Four smelting furnaces under construction.

c. A completed barracks about 200 meters in length which served as a storehouse for fire-bricks which are used in the building of smelting furnaces. Machines coming from factories in the Soviet Union for equipping the plant were also stored in the barracks.

d. A factory chimney, completed, measuring about 50 meters in height.

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- e. A power station of brick construction, about 30 x 12 meters in size, already completed.
- f. A factory building four stories high with a concrete roof. This was still being built; it was constructed partly from brick and partly from concrete. Its size was approximately 120 x 40 meters. Source was not sure of its use.
- g. A barracks numbering 19 units, intended for offices of the various building firms taking part in the construction of the foundry. These were one-story temporary barracks made of wood, and covered with tar paper. The barracks were of varying sizes.
- h. Barracks of wood beyond the enclosure, intended as temporary dwellings for workers employed in the construction of the smelting plant. There were 20 of these barracks, each about 60 x 16 meters in size. In addition to these, there were 20 barracks for workers of the old Czestochowa foundry, which is near the new foundry units.

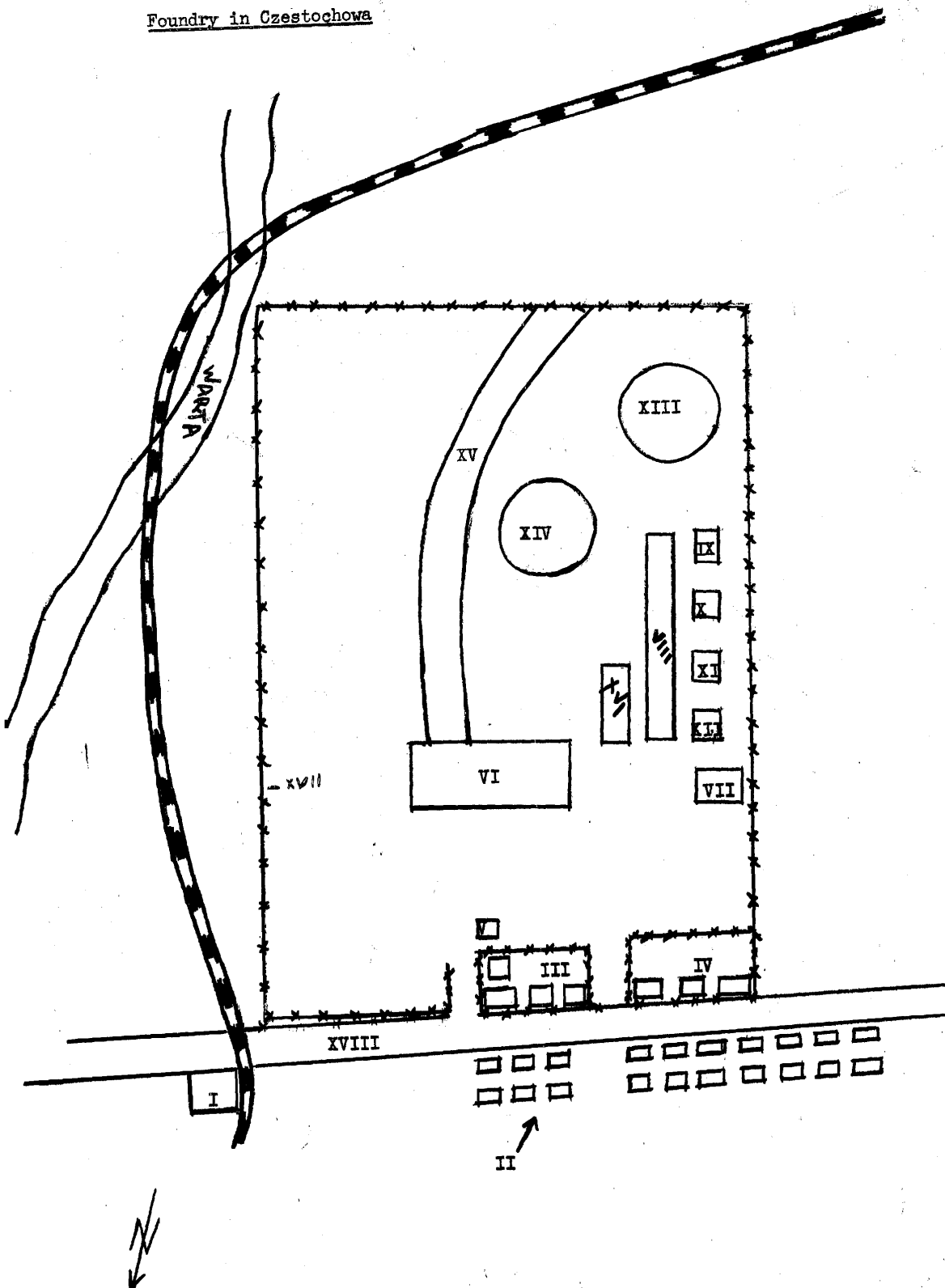
25X1C 4. [REDACTED] at the construction of the plant:

- a. Eight cranes of various sizes.
  - b. Trucks and tractors. Number could not be estimated.
  - c. One railroad locomotive, taking the place of a temporary steam engine, for providing steam and water.
  - d. Four bulldozers.
  - e. Three Soviet grading machines.
5. Electricity was generated by a power station on the construction site. Coal was brought from the station in trucks and deposited on this site.
6. Building materials were brought by trucks and railroad. A railroad siding had been constructed. Source cannot estimate the number of trucks and tractors. Each building firm has the requisite number of vehicles at its disposal.
- 25X1C 7. During [REDACTED] work continued day and night without letup. About 1000 people were employed here in addition to brigades from the Service to Poland (Sluzba Polsce-S.P.).
8. The entire plant site in Czestochowa had already been fenced in with barbed wire two meters in height. At the main entrance industrial guards kept watch. One could enter the building site only upon producing a pass.

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Foundry in Czestochowa



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Legend for Sketch NO. 1  
The Smelting Plant in Czestochowa

- I. The Mirow R.R. station.
- II. Wooden barracks for plant workers.
- III. Wooden barracks for offices of the employed firms.
- IV. Same as III.
- V. Guardhouse for the industrial watch.
- VI. Factory building. Not finished at this date.
- VII. Factory chimney.
- VIII. Long barracks for housing building materials.
- IX.-XII. Smelting furnaces under construction.
- XIII.-XIV. Cooling stacks.
- XV. Ditch, five meters deep and six meters wide, which was dug by the Junior S.P.'s.  
(Sluzba Polsce).
- XVI. Power plant for electricity needed in building the plant.
- XVII. Circuit around the site marked with crosses, indicates enclosure with barbed wire.
- XVIII. The road alongside the R.R. station and smelting plant.

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